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Note for: Chief, NSEG


Subject : Signature Verification

Back in May 1985 we struck a deal, signed by then DD/OIT, with IBM to testbed signature verification. I gather that at the applications level we were to work with OF and their electronic T&A system. I think the goal was to test the signature verification on several PCs with OF to determine user acceptance and whether this process would satisfy OF's needs insofar as T&As are concerned. It is my recollection that SEG was asked to assist in this process.

Our objective by this indirect route was to test if the signature verification approach could eventually replace the password for log on without doing all the work required to write new software in VM. If we found that OF didn't like the process for T&A purposes or that our customers didn't like it, we could back out easily.

From your viewpoint, where do we stand on this effort? Is there a difference of opinion with CSG that we should sort out?

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